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**GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL  
SUSTAINABILITY REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

**SUBJECT:** Support for Greenbelt Food Forest

**BACKGROUND:**

The Chesapeake, Education, Arts, and Research Society (CHEARS), in partnership with Camp Fire USA, Citizens Concerned to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC), Ancestral Knowledge and the City of Greenbelt Public Works Department, has secured a grant from Chesapeake Bay Trust: Community Greening Grant to establish rain gardens, a food forest and to extend the stream buffer plantings at the Springhill Lake Recreation Site. The project builds on existing outdoor educational events currently taking place at Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens.

On Tuesday, May 22, 2012, Kim Walsh Executive Director of the CHEARS gave the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES) an overview of both the narrative and a preliminary layout design of the Greenbelt Food Forest project.

The Greenbelt Food Forest project has three interrelated goals:

1. To expand the tree canopy cover
2. To assess and improve water quality of Springhill Lake Stream
3. To facilitate multi-generational social and regenerative educational opportunities

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Green ACES is writing in support of the Greenbelt Food Forest at Springhill Lake Recreation Site. The program goals are consistent with sustainability goals and the collaborative approach supports the function of each organization, linking missions and program objectives.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair  
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